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## New study of Exomphalos to start in March 2014

A new study of infants born with Exomphalos has been approved by the BAPS-CASS Steering Committee to begin in March 2014. More information on the background and aims of the study will be available soon, however BAPS-CASS are currently looking to appoint a Consultant Clinical Advisor for this National Cohort Study.

### Call for expressions of interest for Consultant Clinical Advisor

The BAPS-CASS Steering Committee is calling for expressions of interest in the position of consultant clinical advisor on the above project. This project has funding and ethical approval through Professor Marian Knight's NIHR Professorship. The proposed start date for the study is March 2014. The study will be undertaken jointly with a Clinical Research Fellow in Paediatric Surgery (Ms Anna-May Long) based at the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit. The consultant clinical advisor must be a Paediatric surgeon currently working within the UK and Ireland at consultant level. The selection criteria are as follows:

- Evidence of the engagement of the consultant clinical advisor with the BAPS-CASS programme
- Evidence of previous multi-centre collaborative work by the clinical advisor
- The location of the advisor, in that BAPS-CASS is a multi-centre collaboration and equitable distribution of study leads across centres is an important principle of the collaboration
- The academic reputation of the advisor in the proposed area of study

Expressions of interest including a brief outline of previous related experience should be sent to [baps-cass@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:baps-cass@npeu.ox.ac.uk) by **Friday 13th December 2013**



### Congratulations!

Tim Bradnock, ST8 Paediatric Surgery at Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children, won the Norman Brown Award for best oral presentation by a

trainee at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Paediatric Pathology Society in St Petersburg, Russia, September 2013 where he presented preliminary results from the Hirschsprung's Disease study.



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## Parent Participation Group



As part of Professor Marian Knight's research programme at the NPEU we are hoping to develop links with parents who have experienced having a baby diagnosed with a congenital anomaly who had surgery. We are holding a meeting on Friday 24th of January 2013 with families of children born with abdominal wall defects. This will be a day for families who wish to attend to share their experiences and to help guide our research directions. The meeting will be in Birmingham and we have a budget to assist with the standard travel costs of families who wish to attend. If you would like further information or know of any families who would like to attend, (children are welcome too) please contact [baps-cass@npeu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:baps-cass@npeu.ox.ac.uk) or pass these details on to the families to contact us directly.

Thanks to the following hospitals who have returned cards for the last three months (June, July and August 2013):

Addenbrookes Hospital  
Birmingham Children's Hospital  
Evelina Children's Hospital  
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children  
Hull Royal Infirmary  
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Leicester Royal Infirmary  
Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children  
Royal London Hospital  
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Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital  
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Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children  
Leeds General Infirmary  
Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital  
Royal Victoria Infirmary  
University Hospital of Wales  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham  
St. George's Hospital, London

Returned all three cards. Returned two cards. Returned one card. No Cards Returned.

## Case report summary for cases reported up until October 2013

| Condition                           | Cases Reported | Forms returned | Confirmed Cases | Unconfirmed Cases | Duplicate Cases |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Hirschsprung's Disease              | 333            | 290 (87)       | 269 (93)        | 21 (7)            | 0               |
| Hirschsprung's Disease<br>1yr Forms | 267            | 202 (76)       | 202 (100)       | 0 (0)             | 0               |
| Meconium Ileus                      | 32             | 18 (56)        | 15 (83)         | 3 (17)            | 0               |
| Necrotising Enterocolitis           | 159            | 59 (37)        | 56 (95)         | 3 (5)             | 0               |



## GMC Revalidation

We are aware that as part of your GMC revalidation you are required to provide evidence of participation in national audit and research.

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